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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL AIDE DECLARES MFM NOT A FAILURE

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1. WEEKEND PRESS CARRIED REPORT OF BRIEF INTERVIEW WITH COL. (RECENTLY NOMINATED FOR BRIGN GEN) CARLOS AGUIRRE, CHIEF PRESIDENTIAL AIDE AND PALACE SPOKESMAN WHO COMMENTED, AMONG OTHER TOPICS, ON RECENT QUITO MFM.

2. HE DECLARED THAT THE MEETING "COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A FAILURE". ECUADOR AND ITS OFFICIALS HAD BENT EVERY EFFORT TO MAKE THE MFM A SUCCESS. SINCE IT WAS CARRIED OUT WITH NO UNTOWARD DEVELOPMENTS, THERE WAS NO BLAME OR CRITICISM WHICH COULD BE LAID TO SUCH OFFICIALS, LEASE OF ALL FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES. HE DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE DIFFERING NATIONAL POSITIONS EXHIBITED DURING THE MEETING.

3. ALTHOUGH AGUIRRE, IN CHARACTERISTICALLY CAUTIOUS FASHION, CALLED THIS A "PERSONAL OPINION" HE IS A VERY CLOSE AND TRUSTED CONFIDANT OF PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ. HIS VIEWS AS CITED ABOVE PROBABLY CLOSELY PARALLEL THOSE OF HIS CHIEF.

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